

fact willing to give up that kind of time, I don't see why the Chair needs to cut that in half, especially since that will relieve the work load, I would hope, on those that the Chair has appointed to that Committee. I know of at least three delegates who did sign up on that list who are not represented on either one of these ad hoc committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Anyone else?

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, I have a question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. COOPER: According to Rule 1.2, Paragraphs B and C, it states that the Vice President will coordinate half of the substantive committees, but on the sheet to be coordinated, two standing committees are left off, those being the two operating committees. I wanted to know who was coordinating the Style and Drafting and the Rules and Calendar.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me read this again, now. This is the responsibility of the First Vice President. This is 1.2. "Coordinate the work of one-half of the standing committees as determined by the Convention and serve as a non-voting member or officer of all committees of which he or she is not a regular member." Now, what is your question?

MR. COOPER: My question is that the standing committees are 12, but the coordination list has 5 for each.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. The standing committees are 10.

MR. COOPER: No. If you look at 2.2, it says, "The standing committees of the convention and their general areas...are..." and it has got the 12 standing committees. Then it goes on to list substantive committees and operating committees, but all 12 are standing committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I want to respond to the question of the Secretary. He has pointed out that the two operating committees are also standing committees, even though they are not substantive committees. Therefore, inasmuch as the First and Second Vice Chairs do coordinate the work of the standing committees, there are two committees that have been left out, and we need to incorporate the Rules and the Style and Drafting under one of those. I am going to incorporate Rules under the First Vice and Style under the Second Vice. That would put all of these standing committees under the coordination of one of the two Vice Chairs.

Yes?

MR. LOVE: Do the rules say that all of those standing committees should be under the First or the Second

Vice Chair, or the First and the Second Vice Chair?

MR. COOPER: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons --

MS. SIMMONS: I was considering that in compliance with the rules, what you have recommended must prevail. I am wondering if we might want to give some consideration to some function of the Third Vice President, since we did not in fact -- I don't believe we wrote in new responsibilities to go with that office.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, we didn't. That came after the fact. Let me see if I can resolve one other question now.

Delegate Simmons, are you prepared to have a change in the chairpersonship of this Committee?

MS. SIMMONS: Yes, of the Ad Hoc Public --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Delegate Simmons has indicated that she is willing to step aside from the Chairpersonship of the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Information and Media --

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President, I would like to remain on the Committee, however.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Therefore, I will appoint Harry Thomas as the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Information and Media. Strike "Chair" beside Simmons name; she remains on the Committee. Add Harry Thomas as Chair of

that Committee.

Delegate Thomas, are you willing to serve in that position?

MR. THOMAS: Yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Delegate Jackson and Delegate Love.

MR. JACKSON: Are we speaking about any of these committees, or just specifically the Public Information; any of them?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I am sorry, I cannot hear you.

MR. JACKSON: Are you speaking of any of these ad hoc committees that you appointed, or just the Public Information one?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No. I just made a change in the Public Information, inasmuch as one delegate --

MR. JACKSON: I understand. So I can speak to any committee, then. Well, I would like to ask a question, then, and I don't intend to unnecessarily question the wisdom of the Chair, but I just want to ask a question.

Last week, as I understood it, certain people made certain suggestions about people that they thought would be good for a particular committee. I suggested that I thought that Mrs. Hilda Masol would be one to work on the Ad Hoc



Committee for Statehood, of which the Chair said that he would take that into consideration. Perhaps the Chair did take it into consideration, or perhaps the Chair didn't; I don't know. And I know other names which were also put forth of people who had been working around this and who had familiar knowledge with these compact commissions and whatnot. So I would just like to know whether the Chair thought that they shouldn't be, whether the people asked not to be considered, or what, so that I will know.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, the Chair said he would reconsider those people who had expressed an interest, he would reconsider those people whom he thought would be effective, and would reconsider the --

MR. JACKSON: As I understand, you said that you would consider those names recommended by people. That was what was said.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What the Chair said, the Chair did. This will reflect the Chair's position. All right.

MR. JACKSON: All right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I find it curious, Mr. Chairman, that several delegates are represented on at least two committees, and at least one has been appointed to chair a operating

committee while serving on a second one, and another delegate has been appointed to both of these committees, while in the meantime one delegate -- Delegate Mason, for example -- has been suggested for one of these committees, with a long record of service, and is not being appointed to a committee for which he was specifically recommended. And, as I pointed out to the President a few minutes ago, I knew of at least several delegates that had volunteered for the Committee on Media and Public Information, and they were not appointed to either one.

I am sorry that some of us don't possess the requisite talents that the Chair is looking for, but perhaps if the Chair would make those requisite talents known, we can develop those skills.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you.

Are there any other comments?

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to express some concern on the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Information and Media. Part of it, it seems to me, is that these people are going to have to develop a more base type of campaign, and I would like to ask that somebody be on that Committee from Ward 1. Somebody may even have asked, but I would

like to have one person on that Committee from Ward 1.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me say that my understanding of the responsibility of that Committee is to make recommendations. We have eight wards. I don't think that every committee needs to have nine persons on it.

I am saying that it is difficult, and I don't think it is very practical, to try to have every ward represented on every committee. I don't want to argue with you, and I am not going to argue with you. I am responding. I am doing you the courtesy to respond to your statement. The Chair did not try to put a member of each ward on every, single committee. The Chair is not disposed to give a long, lengthy explanation of the reasons for these. I mean, certain things are of the Chair's prerogative. The Chair has to exercise that and to try to keep them reasonably compact, and that is what the Chair has done. That is my response to your statement.

Delegate Mason?

MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I stand to thank Delegate Marcus who referred to me, but I, Hilda Mason, do not care to serve on either one of those committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right.

Delegate Marcus, I hope that satisfied that.

MR. HARCUS: Well, it satisfies one committee. I am still wondering about the Public Information and Media Committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The next item is a report on the status of staff acquisitions.

Delegate Corn?

MS. CORN: Well, sir, before you move on to the next topic, I was wondering if I could discuss the ad hoc committees. There was something I wanted to say. I was originally on the Ad Hoc Committee for Statehood, B. and Compact Commission, and I see now that I am on Public Information. While I would be more than happy to serve on whatever committee the Chair sees fit, I would like to make it clear here that when the time comes that the Constitution is drafted, if I personally don't think that it is very good, it is going to be very hard for me to lobby in my ward for something that I would not believe in.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, since we don't know what it is going to be, I assume that all delegates reserve that particular right.

MS. CORN: I just want to make that clear for the record right now.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: She simply indicated she reserved

the right to lobby in her ward only for those aspects of the constitution that she believes in. I imagine that we are all -- yes, Delegate Marcus.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. Chairman, you have a delegate who has been appointed to chair the Style and Drafting Committee, is serving on the Public Information and Media Committee, informing you that she is not sure that she is not sure she is willing to go out and lobby for the constitution itself.

I would suggest, then, that the Chair perhaps change his vision in terms of who he appoints to these committees.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Thank you, Delegate Marcus.  
Delegate Cooper?

MR. COOPER: Mr. Chairman, this Ad Hoc Committee on Public Information and Media is just that. It is not a lobbying committee. It is a committee on information.

MS. CORN: Well, then, I withdraw my comments.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I think that settles that. May we go on to the next order of business?

The next order of business is a report on the status of staff acquisition.

MS. SHELTON: Mr. Chairman, may I ask the status of the delegate's comments? Is it on the record, withdrawn from

the record, or where?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Which comment are you referring to?

MS. SHELTON: The comment of Delegate Corn with respect to her reservation to support the constitution in her Ward if not of her liking.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Anything that is said here is on the record. We have a court reporter there.

MR. CORN: Mr. Chairman, point of personal preference. I'd like to speak right now, since this has obviously created so much controversy. I was unclear as to what Public Information and Media meant. Since it is not a lobbying ad hoc committee, and since it is simply to make information available to anyone at all who is interested in what is going on here, and in fact to promulgate information about this Constitutional Convention, I have no reservation to serving on it.

If it were, in fact, a lobbying effort, then my comments might be as they had been before. My Ward in fact was the only Ward in this City to vote against having this, and the reason I did so well in that election is that I know exactly what my Ward did want.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: I do not mean to be redundant, but I think we have five delegates from Ward 5, not just one; and I think the presumption that before something is even written, one can decide, based on her personal committee assignment, whether or not it is going to be good, is an insult to everyone in this body. I agree.

A VOICE: I second that, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. That is also on the record.

Item Number 4D on the agenda, the report on status of staff acquisition. As you know, we have voted that this Convention -- please, can I get everyone's attention? I'd like to have some of that food down there myself, but I'd like also to get through this quickly.

Regarding the staff we are developing, there is an ad hoc committee to develop the requirements and the process for acquiring staff. We have received many, many resumes for the positions of Executive Secretary, General Counsel, Research Coordinator, and Research Assistant. An Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Committee will be meeting on Monday at 7:00 o'clock in this building, in the conference room at the end of the hall, the one that I am pointing to, which is Room 900, to further develop the procedures and to

begin to screen down the applications so that we may interview.

Obviously, we won't have our staff before we begin the conven-

tion. The committee can meet, however, because the committee

can function at least for the next week without the staff

that we are going to have. So anyone who is interested in that

process, our next meeting is next Monday at 7:00 o'clock in

this building.

MR. COOPER: Mr. President, I have a question.

PRESIDENT CASSIDY: Yes.

MR. COOPER: I just wanted to know, and probably some

of the delegates would like to know, if that is going to be

an open or closed executive session, because we will be

considering confidential personnel matters, and our rules

do say that that meeting can, in fact, be closed. I just

want to know on that.

PRESIDENT CASSIDY: Yes. Perhaps the chair was in

error in inviting everybody to that meeting; it does deal

with people's personal qualifications and personal A-line.

Therefore, the chair would withdraw the invitation to every-

body to attend that -- the finish of my sentence is, having

been advised by our secretary that the rules allow the

Executive Committee to close meetings that are dealing with

personnel matters.



MS. JONES: Is that closed to delegates?

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President, I would just like to submit, at least for your consideration, that when the Board of Education meets on personnel matters, all Board members are members, and it is only public and press who are excluded from that kind of executive personnel matter. In consideration 5 members here as part of the total body, while the Executive Committee will make the decision. I believe the witnessing by any of the 45 delegates, and even comment and input would be appropriate. That is my judgment.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. I see the clarification. It is clear that the Executive Committee meeting to determine screening procedures and to begin that is open to the delegates, but not to the public nor to the press.

Bruning, Jackson, Mason.

MS. MASON: Mr. Chairman, I merely wanted to point out that in Rule 8.2, on open sessions, it says that, "No executive session shall be held by the Convention or any of its committees, except to consider confidential personnel matters regarding delegates or staff." And we amended a motion by Delegate Coates, which I can't find right now, but it says that the meetings will not be closed unless they are on a confidential matter, and that means, like on the Board

of Education --and Mr. Cassell and I lobbied and fought against closed meetings--that unless--and I would appreciate it if I could speak without your hand going up--and I don't know if this is going to be an orderly meeting; I really don't--but the motion said that they may only close it if it is confidential, and "confidential" means Mr. Cassell, like we did on the Board of Education, and like we should have done even more so, that is a person under discussion, or if we are dealing with a contract, but if an individual who has applied for a job requests that his materials, his resume, and so forth, be kept confidential, that then that does not become a public matter also, in negotiating contracts for sale of land or for employee rights or whatever, that that is to be negotiated, or can be negotiated in a confidential way.

But this matter, this matter, is not confidential, so it should not even be closed to the public or the press, and it certainly cannot be closed to the delegates.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Bruning, delegate Jones, delegate Harless,

MR. BRUNING: I was just going to speak in favor of closing the meeting strictly to delegates. And I think it would be a prerogative that the Executive Committee would first have to share, at least among themselves, on whether

or not to close the meeting, period, because there is an option as to whether or not we have the option to close, but I think we have to first vote within the Executive Committee and decide whether or not we are going to be closed, when we get to those matters. Only when we get to those matters will we have the prerogative to vote. That is all I would say, that it would be a Board decision.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Jackson?

MR. JACKSON: Mr. chairman, I just have one question. When we refer to executive session, this is referring to the body, and not to the Executive Committee; is that right?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I didn't hear your question.

MR. JACKSON: The use of the term, "executive session", refers to the body of delegates, the 45, and not to the Executive Committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: "Executive session" means the officers of the Convention.

MR. JACKSON: Is that what it means?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It does, indeed; otherwise, it is a Convention session. That is the only reason to use the term "executive session".

MR. JACKSON: No, sir. Any body of convention, and I have been to many, have used the words, "executive session".

and maybe that is the point, when they mean the whole body, as a whole. You may say "executive committee session", but "executive session" means those elected.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I see what you mean. Okay.

MR. JACKSON: I think there is confusion, especially with Mr. Cooper's original statement.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We define "executive session" as one in which the entire body removes itself from public scrutiny.

MR. JACKSON: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That applies to committees, also. Marcus, Cooper, Jones, Talmadge, and Moore.

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, for my information in the future, does that vote that the Executive Committee must take among itself require a two-thirds vote in favor of closing?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There has been no agreement that the Executive Committee would take a vote in order to comply with the rules, which simply say "confidential personnel." That is all the rules say. They do not say that there has to be a vote taken on it, or that there has to be a determination.

When the rules are silent -- let's read that section again.

MR. HARCUS: As I read it, the only change that was made to Rule 8.2 is the insertion of the sentence, "No executive session shall be held by the Convention or any of its committees except to consider confidential personnel matters regarding delegates or staff." But there is no place where the words, "unless the membership of the committee decides by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and voting to hold the executive session" -- nowhere do I see that stricken. Now, perhaps I am wrong. So I believe that requires that the Executive Committee vote two-thirds among itself to close that particular meeting.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, thank you.

Okay, let's look at Rule 8.2 once more. "All session of the Convention and all meetings of its committees shall be open to the public at all times, unless the Convention or the committee decides, by the affirmative votes of two-thirds of those present and voting, to hold an executive session." That is, the Convention in its plenary sessions and in its committees. The Executive Committee is also a committee, so it would also be bound by these rules. Whoever mentioned that a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee must be taken in order to close that session is correct. Okay.

Item 4E on the Agenda, proposed temporary committee meeting schedules for the entire Convention. You have a sheet which is entitled, "Committee Meeting Days, Dates, and Times."

Now, the dates and times and days for the meeting of the Convention are the responsibility, or making those determinations are the responsibility of the Rules and Calendar Committee. That Committee not having yet met and gone through those deliberations, I have proposed a temporary schedule of meetings, until such time as that Committee meets and either revises this or adopts it or modifies it.

I am looking at the total Convention now, and I am looking at March, April and May. If, indeed, each of the substantive committees met twice per week, that means four meetings for committees each week. It means also that we will probably have one day left for a plenary session -- it could be more, but I am suggesting one day. But just looking at the committees, for Group 1, if that group met on Mondays and Wednesdays in March, April and May, these are the dates. You can see that there will be 10 meetings in March, 8 meetings in April, and 2 meetings in May, provided we left the last two weeks for plenary sessions, five days a week. Now, this is just something for us to react to and to modify. But

I think we should look at the total structure now, so we will have some idea of where we are going. What I did was to start with the last week and assume that if this Convention has to be over by May the 30th -- that is provided we start on Monday -- May the 30th is a Sunday, and that is a holiday. So, suppose we look at the last week, the last week in May. That ends on Friday, the 28th. If we had it a point to try to finish our work the week before, instead of going right up to the last week, the 21st is the end of the third week.

So if we have plenary sessions every day, Monday through Friday, from the 10th to the 14th, and from the 17th to the 21st, that would give us one week for anything that we really were not able to cover, if we made that a target date. Now, this is just a suggestion.

That is why on this sheet, your last committee meetings will be the 3rd and 5th, which is a Monday and a Wednesday, and the 4th and 6th, Tuesday and Thursday, and from that point on, there would be plenary sessions.

Now, this is a suggestion for us to react to.

Yes -- Simmons, Love, Moore, Lockridge.

MS. SIMMONS: Mr. President, I wish to call your attention especially and the Executive Committee members' attention to a need that my Committee expressed when we met

last week, which I think probably prevails for other committee members' meetings and groups, as well. The matter of logistics is the first order of business, there is no question. We appreciate the tentative schedule, but when we know as a Committee what room can be assigned, what file cabinets will exist -- our people cannot continue to be packhorses, carrying all this documentation that we have. So we are very interested and anxious for your executive administration committee to assign some permanent rooms with some permanent files, and we can even, some of us, supplement some of the things we need while we are limping along here. But we cannot do that, we cannot add to the resources, until we at least can have the security of a place to put it. That is the first point I would like to make.

The second point I would like to make is clearly -- I know you are working as fast as you can with regard to staff -- but there isn't any question, every committee wants to know who will be assigned in terms of some of these obligations that we have. I know our Committee is tape recording all of our meetings so that we can have that record, and if we get staff one day, they will have a lot of transcribing to do. But we are going to keep the kind of minutes that are necessary for us to be able to function in an



orderly and consistent and substantive way. But for the people for whom I speak, I believe that the priorities are logistical first, and then the committees can themselves, within the scope of what you have presented here, set up our own committee meetings so that they accommodate and make sure that that information is received in a timely fashion, so that you as President can make public notice of it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me respond to some of the points, regarding to permanent rooms and file cabinets, which we certainly need, and then, of course, furniture and telephone.

Right now, we have those four rooms along the front, which are of appropriate size for the committees to meet in. We have all the rooms along the side there, which are relatively narrow rooms, but the committees could meet in them, if possible. But we don't have any space over on the other side. There is one big room back behind that, which is about two-thirds the size of this room. We can have that room to line up our secretaries and our research assistants in, and then we could take the rest of these rooms for our committees and for our delegates to function in. We would like to have a room with a telephone and some desks in it for delegates to congregate themselves, and sit down and write and study, and so forth, and use the telephone.

In the meantime, we have three rooms along the front there. The Mayor's people are occupying one of those rooms. We are going to clear that out, where they have those desks in there, because that was a room that we could use for a committee room, and get them around on the side.

If, next week, we can get the University to let us have this big room over here, we can reserve that for all of our desks for secretaries and research assistants. In the meantime, for this next week, I think that we are going to have to use those three committee rooms on the front and, though it is not ideal to all be meeting in this room, at least two committees could meet at either end of this room and take care of their business, by the beginning of the week after next, I hope that we have those rooms not only assigned to us, but that we have file cabinets, and if we are not able to get file cabinets as we need them -- and it has been suggested that each committee may need two file cabinets, at least -- then maybe we will have to consider leasing them or getting them through spending some money. We need furniture. The telephones are being laid out now, and they were laid out without any conferring with us at all, so we are going to have to take charge of that.

But for the next week, I trust you will indulge us,

using the rooms that are satisfactory.

We also need some staff. We have three secretaries and Judy Wells, who is our acting temporary executive secretary. We also have Mr. Robert Young, who has been a facilitator, but whom we understand is with us right now, though it isn't clear exactly what his expertise is that we can use. We are hoping that within this next week, we can begin to get the kind of staff that we need, so that at least each committee has one person working with him.

We also would like to have as soon as possible a research coordinator to whom we can give that work, rather than having to deal with individual secretaries and individual research secretaries.

So, we'll need at least another week.

Talmadge Moore, Lockridge, Love, Shelton.

MR. T. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I am concerned -- I am in Group 2, and I just wanted to ask the question -- I see on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Saturdays, we meet. What about Mondays and Wednesdays? I would like that explained.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, each of us is in Group 1 and Group 2. The suggestion here is that Group 1 meet Mondays and Wednesdays and Group 2 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, and that we all meet in a plenary session, as is

are now, and continue to meet on Saturdays.

MR. T. MOORE: Well, I had the understanding that we were going to meet four days a week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is right. The committees will meet four days a week, and the plenary sessions will be one day a week, unless and until we decide to change that.

Delegate Lockridge?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: One of my concerns has been addressed. The other concern I have is that I certainly hope that the Executive Committee, while dealing with the selection of staff, will also deal with what is happening with these machines we have. I am having problems, and I hope we are not setting in concrete these meeting days.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: This is only a proposal. It will be set in concrete by the Rules Committee.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: Okay. I certainly hope that we will have all of the things we need in order to get going, by our first meeting date. The Xerox machine, for instance, if we are going to meet -- excuse me, please -- am I to understand we only have one Xerox machine?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: That kind of puts us out of business fast. I certainly hope someone will look into that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Love, and then Shelton.

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we adopt, at least temporarily, until we have a report from the Rules and Calendar Committee, the current schedule which the Executive Committee has presented to us.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

MR. ROBINSON: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that we adopt this temporarily until the Rules Committee comes up with something permanent.

Yes, Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, I have a concern about the adoption of any temporary measures until such time that the official Rules Committee can take an overall look at what we have in front of us, and take a look further down the road at the entire Convention. It would be a bit premature to put the delegates in a feeling that we are going to do thus and thus, until such time that the official body can really look at what needs to be done. And I would only ask that since the period, the seven-day period, is nearing an end, and the Rules Committee will officially take its rightful place, that we delay such a move until such time as that particular Rules Committee is actually in place.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me ask you a question.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Next week, the committees want to start meeting. We are going to have to start the convention with an announcement that we are now in the process of writing. We need some vehicle to decide who meets Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and this is Saturday now. Do you understand what I mean?

MR. ROBINSON: Well, may I ask you just one question before I answer that one?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. ROBINSON: When does the seven-day period terminate? When does it end?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There seems to be some dispute as to when that was announced. The Chair does not remember making that announcement.

MR. ROBINSON: If the Chair does not remember making that announcement, may I please ask the Chair pointedly, when will he officially convene the Rules Committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair would like to convene it as quickly as possible, and therefore, inasmuch as the announcement that the Convention begins the Constitution-writing process on Monday, I will announce that it should convene on

that date.

MR. ROBINSON: Monday?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right, yes. It could be done today, but that is not very practical.

MR. ROBINSON: Then I ask again, could we not withhold until Monday, and then we will have an official body, an official meeting to deal with the calendar of the entire Convention.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me just have a little more dialogue here. He is the Chair of the Rules Committee, and it is going to be his responsibility.

Next week, we start running our 90 days, as of Monday. Okay. It is possible that committees may want to meet on Monday. If they don't, then we lose that one day. Could we have something, some agreement today, regarding what happens next week, in order that we can meet Monday, if we decide to?

MR. ROBINSON: All right, then, may I please make an amendment? The original motion read what, sir?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That we adopt this schedule until such time as --

MR. ROBINSON: I would like to amend that motion, and the amendment should read that we adopt a schedule

for March 1st through March 6th only.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Is there a second to that?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. It has been moved and seconded that we amend the original motion by Delegate Love to apply to next week only, March 1st to March 6th.

Discussion?

Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: That is just what I was going to do, was make an amendment that this would only last for a week, and so I would speak in support of the amendment to the main motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Against?

MR. MARCUS: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love, who made the motion -- I am sorry, point of information, Delegate Marcus.

MR. MARCUS: I was just wondering if the Chair will, in fact convene the Rules and Calendar Committee before March 6th.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair said he will convene it on March 1st.

MR. MARCUS: Thank you.



PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: I would like to speak against the motion, only because it may take the Rules Committee a couple of weeks to come up with the rules, and meanwhile, we will have to do this all the time. I would just like to settle it for today and not have to make anymore times and agendas until the Rules Committee Chairman comes in with a proposed, actual schedule. I don't want every Saturday to have to go through the schedule for the next week, which is what it sounds to me like we are going to be doing.

My motion is that we adopt the schedule until the Rules Committee comes in with an alternative, and until whenever they do it, we will move on to that. And besides that, I don't think we should keep changing every week.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Moore, Delegate Corn.

MR. B. MOORE: Point of information.

Is it my understanding that if we approve this amendment to the motion, the Convention will officially begin on Monday, the 1st of March?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Convention begins at any rate on the 1st of March. What I am saying is that I am convening the Rules Committee also on that day. I am saying also, I would hope that before it convenes that there would be

a schedule, so we would know the schedule for our committee meetings next week. But that is not a part of his motion.

MR. B. MOORE: What is the rationale on why the Convention will begin on the 1st of March?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Because it is high time it begins. It should have begun a long time ago.

MR. B. MOORE: I understand that, but we are not forced into that position, are we? Could we not have considered the following week as an organizational week and begin the Convention on the 7th?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair feels that there has been extensive organizational time, inasmuch as we were sworn in on January the 30th, and this is now a month later. It seems to me that that is time enough.

And I indicated also, I am concerned about the Convention running into the May 30th weekend and all the plans that we have, or that may develop for the first week of June. So I would hope that we could be through before the end of May, May the 30th.

MR. B. MOORE: Then I would like to speak against the amendment, because I feel that we need much more time to prepare, so that when the Convention does begin, everything will be at least a little bit more in order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any other discussion on this?

Point of information.

MS. CORN: I wanted to ask, is this proposed schedule of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 6 to 10, and on Saturday from 1 to 5?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It doesn't mention the time. That, again, is up to the committees themselves. I would not presume to --

MS. CORN: The second question -- excuse me -- I am sort of embarrassed to ask this, because I am sort of out of it at this point -- did you appoint a Chairman to Suffrage?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I did.

MS. CORN: Thank you.

When are we supposed to meet? Is that up to me?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would hope that you would be meeting soon, yes.

MS. HARRIS: A point of information that might enlighten delegats: Brian Moore.

When we met Thursday night in our meeting, Mr. Moore, Mr. Young made a statement that we had abused our organizational period, and he was very much upset that we had done so, and

that we need to start immediately.

MR. B. MOORE: The question is whether this body looks upon Mr. Young, or the Corporation Counsel's interpretation of the District Government as the final word.

MS. HARRIS: We have gone past two weeks. I think that is it, 14 days.

MR. B. MOORE: But have we sought counsel on this matter? Has the Convention asked a third party lawyer --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let me answer that. We have a letter from the Corporation Counsel which indicates that when the Convention has completed its organization, then it is presumed that the Convention starts. However, there must be some reasonable limits. I would not let it go for two months. And we have to decide. Now, even though I am willing to be guided by the Corporation Counsel, and I am willing to be guided by any other rational decision, I think we have to make a determination in our own interest, and we have got to finish this thing before we get to that period where people will be disappearing.

Point of information, Ms. Mason?

MS. MASON: Point of information. This is addressed to the body. The law which was enacted did not even provide for an organizational period. The Mayor was just generous, and

none of the Council has challenged him on that. The law says a 90-day period.

MR. COOPER: May I point out what I thought as one way it could have been interpreted was, the fact was that we do have three-year terms, and it says that we have to do this within a 90-day period of time. If we wanted to wait until 1983, and then start our 90 days, I think that that would have been well within our rights.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Blount, Delegate Robinson, Delegate Mason?

MR. BLOUNT: Delegate Blount, Ward 7. If I am in order, Mr. Chairman, if there are some speakers who want to speak, or who feel the obligation, I would move the previous question, after that rule is complied with.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Debate is cut off.

MR. BROUNT: Mr. Chairman, only if we had the two for and two against. If he wants to speak -- that was the intent of the motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The maker of the motion has indicated that he did not mean to interfere with our committed process of allowing two for and two against.

Delegate Rothschild?

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: I would like to speak against the motion, because I associate my feelings with those of Delegate Brian Moore.

I don't think as a Convention we are centered yet. I do not think we have clearly defined our objectives, I do not think we have learned to work as a group with group unity. I do not think we have ironed out a lot of the rough spots that really are required to accomplish the task that we were elected to do. So I am very much opposed to starting the Convention, because I don't think we have done some of the preliminary things in terms of personality adjustments and in terms of group dynamics, to even do a good job. And I am afraid we are basically in an automobile that tends to be swerving out of control, and we are stepping on the gas to try and correct that situation. So I am very much opposed to our beginning this process, because we are not ready to do it.

MR. MARCUS: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: Mr. President, I would like to ask the maker of the substitute motion a question through the Chair, if I might.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is no substitute motion on the floor, that I know of.

MR. MARCUS: I thought Mr. Robinson's motion was on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is correct.

MR. MARCUS: I would like to ask Mr. Robinson for information through the Chair.

Is it your intention that the calendar until the 6th looked like the calendar which the Chair submitted to the body for our consideration?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, may I please respond to my fellow delegate, Mr. Marcus?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. ROBINSON: It is my intention to involve more input in the putting together of the calendar of the Convention on the part of all of the delegates, and that was why, when I amended the original motion, I asked that the period that the body will consider should be for the 1st through 6th only, and it was my intent to get certain documents to the Convention

based on, briefly, a survey that I played a part in, and we would work from that and other things that we have in mind, to get the input of a vast majority of the delegates in setting the calendar for the entire Convention.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, we will be meeting in our next plenary session one week from today. This will be the next opportunity we have to consider a permanent or another temporary schedule. Is it your intention at the meeting one week from today, to have either a permanent or a revised temporary schedule for us?

MR. ROBINSON: It would be my intent, sir, to have a revised schedule at that date, one week from today. We do have vehicles for getting in contact with all of the delegates, that is, the telephone. There are committee meetings that have been scheduled by various substantive committees, and it is my hope to use those two vehicles to elicit from all delegates their input in the putting together of the total calendar for the Convention period.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any further discussion on the amendment?

Delegate Simmons?

MS. SIMMONS: Through the Chair, I really speak to Mr. Robinson, and I would have waited, because this is really



for Mr. Robinson -- I wanted to wait. With all due respect, Mr. Robinson, to your input, I know what you are trying to do. But I want you to know, to contact 45 people in six days is not reality-based. I tried to contact nine people in six days and haven't always been successful. In the first place, if you reach people, they have got to get their calendars; they don't always have them with them.

I just think that while your motivation is high, and your intent is good, I do not believe that by next Saturday, you can have that. So I don't see what the problem is, leaving it with that open-endedness, so that you can still move with as much vigor and expedition as is humanly possible, but don't have yourself locked into next Saturday.

I would simply suggest that we approve it temporarily until such time as your Committee can report, but I don't see why you want to lock yourself into a time circle. And I am respectful, indeed, of your energy and your effort and your enthusiasm.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any other urgent discussion on this?

Mr. Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, may I please respond to Delegate Simpson? On second thought, I will accept that,

Chairman, that it would be ridiculous at this point in time to lock myself in.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you ready for the question? The question is on Delegate Love's motion to accept the suggestion that you have in the form of this chart before you, until such time as the permanent Rules and Calendar Committee gives us permanent meeting times.

Yes?

MR. BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, I just want to ask, did Mr. Robinson withdraw his amendment?

MR. ROBINSON: I certainly do, Sir. I withdraw my motion.

MR. BLOUNT: Now we are in order to vote on the main motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The main motion is on the floor. Those in favor --

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Will the Chair restate the main motion? What is the main motion?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. Delegate Moore, is that what you wanted?

MR. B. HOOKER: Point of information. I beg the patience of the delegation here, but if this motion is approved, that means that the schedule begins Monday, and we go the full

90 days from then on out?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, no, that is not true. We do begin Monday, but not because of this schedule.

MR. LOVE: It is two separate questions. If you want to make a separate motion, make it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: On that other issue, that is something you can debate, but let us get this out of the way. The committees need to start meeting, immediately.

MR. CORN: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Last point of information.

MR. CORN: I'd like to ask in some of the committees, at least one of the committees that I was in last week, they set up their own meeting schedules for this coming week. If this is adopted, are those plans then nullified?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I move to make a substitute motion.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I know I shouldn't have recognized you.

(laughter.)

MR. SCHRAG: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MR. SCHRAG: Mr. Blount's motion was made, and it

has been closed. It was debated on, and the main motion has now been closed.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is right.

MR. B. MOORE: Point of information, Mr. Chairman. If we deal with the motion as is, and my substitute motion is not recognized, will I be able to raise my concern about the beginning of the session after this motion?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes. That has nothing to do with when the committees met.

Those in favor of the motion, signify by raising their hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, the motion passes, and until such time as we have a substitution from the permanent committee, this is our meeting schedule.

Yes?

MR. SCHWAG: Mr. Chairman, may I inquire through the Chair of the Chair of the Style and Drafting Committee when that committee will have its first meeting?

MS. CORN: I was looking for the chalk to put it up on the board. When this plenary session finishes, we will meet immediately in the next room.

MR. COOPER: Point of information -- point of clarification, rather. The President has to announce the convening of these two committees, the first convening, according to our rules.

MR. SCHRAG: I am sorry, Mr. Cooper, but the President said that it was up to the Chair of the Committee a few moments ago. He delegated that power to the Chair of the Committee.

MR. COOPER: Rule 2.5 says there must be 48-hour notice given for committee meetings. A meeting here, with five-minute notice, would be a violation of the rules.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I would request through the Chair that the Chair of the Style and Drafting Committee take notice of the point raised by Delegate Cooper as Secretary.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair would also, having been so reminded, suggest to the Chair of the Style and Drafting Committee that appropriate notice in accordance with the rules be given to your Committee.

May we move on to the next item?

The next item of business is the proposed temporary plenary session schedule for the entire convention, and that is the second chart that you have.

Delegate Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that the official beginning of the convention be postponed, even though the committees will begin to meet on Monday, that the official beginning be postponed until the Convention feels it is ready.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That is out of order, but I am going to recognize it. It has been moved and seconded, that the official beginning of the Convention be postponed from Monday to some other time.

MS. HARRIS: We just voted on that. That is out of order.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, we did not. That is the Committee meetings.

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, obviously, there is a misunderstanding here. It was my understanding on the previous motion that the question addressed by the body was that a 90-day schedule was approved for the beginning of the meetings of the committees. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What we voted on just now was to determine the meeting schedule for the meetings of this Convention. We have already been meeting. We have been conducting a lot of business which is preliminary, right? Nothing we do regarding committees means that the Convention was to be declared in session for writing the Constitution, right? I would like to make such declaration on Monday, regardless of what happens with the committees.

Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: I believe that the Chair has already ruled that the motion is in order, so the process that we should use is to either vote it up or vote it down. So I would like to speak against the motion that we delay the opening of the Convention. It was seconded by Delegate Rothschild. So I would like to speak against this motion, because we definitely have plenty of time to organize. And I think it would look bad in the public's eyes, too, that if it is going to take us two months just to start our Convention, what type of constitution will we eventually come up with anyway -- if we were to come up with one.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Let the President ask all of those delegates who are having private caucuses please to pay attention to this. We are deciding now on when the Convention

shall begin, officially, the writing of the Convention, which means the writing of the Constitution, which means the running of the 90 days. May we have the attention and the participation of all delegates in the house?

We have had one against -- Delegate Moore, are you speaking in

MR. B. HOOKER: Affirmation. It is my intent, even though I do not include the motion now, because I am late it would be ruled out of order, but the intent that the official declaration of the opening of the Convention be delayed about a week or so -- nothing of a nature of a month or two months.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Who is next?

Delegate Marcus, Delegate Bruning, Delegate Feely, Delegate Moore.

Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I gladly second the statements of my colleague against this particular motion. I think that enough is enough. Let's get done with the organizational games and get down to the main event. We are here to write a Constitution. Let us begin.

Thank you.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have had two against.



Two for?

Delegate Rothschild?

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Yes, I definitely am in favor of the motion not to begin the Convention. I think that the basic skills that are required in terms of really clear concepts of democracy, and in terms of really good group dynamics, working together, ironing out the personality problems among ourselves, has not really taken hold.

I think we have just begun as a group to start to work among ourselves to get familiar with each other, and I think we are a little bit premature in beginning our 90-day process. So I would definitely say we are not ready to begin, and there is no reason to begin now just because we feel pressured.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Point of clarification?

MR. COOPER: Yes. My point of clarification is that Mr. Moore's motion speaks to the official beginning of the Convention, and I clearly remember Mayor Barry striking the gavel and saying, "I officially convene this Convention." So the motion really is out of order, I think, Mr. Chairman, because the Convention has officially begun.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Branning?

MR. BRUNING: I move the previous question.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Move the previous question.

Those in favor of cutting off debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion is that the beginning of the Convention be postponed for one week. Those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of nos.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion loses.

Okay. We are now on 4F, proposed temporary sessions scheduled for the entire Convention, and you have that sheet. We had some discussion --

MR. LOVE: Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, but my motion was both of these; my motion was to accept your total proposal,

not to divide the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Did anybody else hear that?

Did the Convention understand that Bob Love's motion applied to the schedule for the Convention meetings, as well?

MR. HARRIS: They say "No".

MR. BLOUNT: Mr. President, I would like to move the adoption of this for discussion, and of course, they can vote it up or down, and also with the understanding that Delegate Robinson's Committee on Rules and Calendar, as soon as they report to us, will negate all of this already done.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Does everybody understand the question?

MR. SIMMONS: I second the motion. Call the question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, we have to have two for and two against.

MR. SIMMONS: That isn't mandatory. We have already discussed this. The same arguments that apply to the previous one don't apply to this one. To repeat them is outrageous.

MR. HARRIS: Move the previous question.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those in favor of cutting off debate -- those in favor of Delegate Blount's motion, signify by saying yes.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Both of these are adopted until such time as the Rules Committee brings us a change.

MS. CORR: Point of information. I hate to seem really stupid, but I am really out of it. Let me ask something. How do you know -- if your first meeting is in the first group, and that meets Monday and Wednesday, there are no hours here -- how can we know? Is each chairman going to set the hours?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have them meeting from 6 to 10. I left it open so there would be some flexibility. Some people may want to meet at 6:30 or 7:00, to take advantage of the parking lot, which is free, across the street. I thought that the Committees could work that out.

Delegate Mason?

MR. MASON: I believe our rules call for various notices, notices of meetings by committees and so forth, to be posted and to be delivered into the mail boxes of delegates here at our offices. I would like to know where the bulletin

board, or whatever place has been assigned for posting these things is, so that we can look there to see what is posted, and also, where our mail boxes are, so we can receive our notices intended for us individually.

It seems to me if the meetings are supposed to be on Monday, at some time to be determined, that the Chairperson should post the notices right now, before people go home, in order that there be proper notice of the time and place of each of these meetings.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, let me see if I can get an answer.

MS. SIMMONS: That is exactly the issue I was going to raise. We are both thinking the same thing, because I wanted to announce the Executive Committee meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay, in answer to Delegate Mason's question. Delegate Mason has asked the question, how are we communicating the decisions that we make right now, regarding meeting dates next Monday to the delegates. Is there a room where we have mail boxes; there is a room where mail can be received, where notices can be posted, but there aren't any mail boxes yet.

We have accepted these now, and each person has one of these. The only thing you will have to work out with your

own particular committees is the time. You might also fill in here, if you so choose, just what it is you are going to do, week-by-week. That is an opportunity to do some structuring.

We will have to provide a mail room, and I think we should have a box or a slot in which everybody can get his mail, and then a bulletin board is there also, for notices. That has not been done yet. That is one of our charges.

MS. HARRIS: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. HARRIS: It seems to me that when the rules were designed, I don't think they took into consideration us sitting here together, determining when we meet. I think that is notice for us. We do not have to run and put it on the bulletin board, if we all are sitting here and agree this is when we meet, which is Monday.

Now, the time is completely different. The Chair has stated that we have been meeting from six to ten during the week, and I think we ought to abide by that time until the committees meet and determine a different time.

I don't see us having to go through that headache of two speaking for and two against, when we are going to meet, if we are going to start meeting on Monday. Mr. Cooper stated that 909 will be our mail room, and we know today there are no

secretarial services in there. So it seems to me if Group 1 is going to meet on Monday and Group 2 on Tuesday, most of us here should be able to accept the fact that we'll meet at 6:00 o'clock on both of those days, and if we want to change the time after we first meet, we can do that, in order to meet and keep down confusion.

MS. SIMMONS: Paloma President?

MS. HARRIS: Yes?

MS. SIMMONS: Thank you.

I would like to announce because, as I rose and as Delegate Mason rose, we both were thinking about precisely the same thing. I wanted to use this opportunity to announce that the Executive Branch, Constitutional Text Writing Committee will be functioning here in this place, at four o'clock on Monday, March 1. We made that decision on Thursday when we met, and not having mail boxes where we could serve notice, and not knowing where there was a bulletin board, we thought we would announce it to those who are present and have it a matter of record, so that it will be published or posted wherever that appropriate place is.

And I assume that there are committee chairs who would like to inform --

MS. HARRIS: Delegate Simmons, where the chairs have

decided at a meeting that they will meet at a time different from six o'clock, that is acceptable. That is not even a problem or a contention.

Delegate Schrag, and then Tainadge Moore.

MR. SCHRAG: Madame President, I have tried a couple of times to find out when one of my committees is meeting, and I have not been successful yet, so I am going to try again. I have a very tight schedule for this week and for every other week, and as a matter of minimal planning for those members of both of the operating committees, I think it would be helpful for us to know when those two operating committees are going to me.

MS. CORN: If I could speak to that, please. The Style and Drafting Committee will meet in the back room Monday at 7:30 p.m.

MS. SHELTON: Mr. Chairman, while I recognize that you have made many appointments, I would like to wonder if you would hold your appointment on Style and Drafting open for a few meetings, because I recognize that you have made a chair appointment, but I wonder, in light of the delegate's admission on the floor of the Convention that she would not -- already, before we begin writing -- would not be bound or feel predisposed, and in fact, I was not aware that she ran on



a platform of non-support. So I wondered whether or not -- and I am not interested in having a debate on the question. I just wanted to know whether or not you would not be interested in just simply holding that Committee Chair open for a few times so that you may have an opportunity to consider the comments of the Delegate.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Shelton, I don't think I can hold it open. I have actually filled that position and announced the position.

MS. CORN: Point of personal preference --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Corn, I don't think it is necessary to respond. I would like to go ahead.

MS. CORN: May I please make a point of personal preference?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I would think that it is not necessary, please.

Delegate Schrag?

MR. SCHRAG: I am just asking whether my question has been fully answered. I asked when the two operating committees would meet. The President did not answer, but the chair of one of the operating committees did answer. Since the rules say that the President announces the meeting of the first committee, if the President is in agreement with that

Chair, perhaps he could reiterate what that Chair said, and announce the meeting time of the other operating committee.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Chair has been reminded that there needs to be proper notice for meetings, and that to meet right after this meeting is not proper notice, because there may be people who are not here. And that being the case, I think that I will make the announcement of the first time.

I have some difficulty since there are four days for meetings. We are going to be here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, unless we decide something different -- we have already voted for that -- from sometime around six o'clock until ten, unless it happens to be a shorter time. That is four days. The only free days are Fridays and Sundays. It is possible that people can meet twice in one day, but I don't know.

Suppose, for these initial meetings -- and I think each of these committees should get started sometime -- I propose a meeting on Friday, which is the only day you've got left. We can decide on the following weeks what might be more convenient?

Would Friday be a suitable time for the Style and Drafting Committee to meet?

MS. CORR: If it were in the daytime, any time in the daytime, so that we were finished by six o'clock, yes.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What about Rules? I didn't appoint anybody to both Rules and Style and Drafting, did I?

MS. HARRIS: No, you did not.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Could the Rules Committee meet on Friday? Would you be willing to call that meeting on Friday?

MR. HASON: Friday would be a good day.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I'll call it, and you take the responsibility of making the contacts, all right, and determining the time.

So Rules is Friday. Style and Drafting --

MS. CORN: How about Friday at four o'clock? Would that be more convenient for the members of the Style and Drafting Committee?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would you take the responsibility to call your people --

MS. CORN: Because Friday night is out, for religious reasons.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Would you take the responsibility of trying to get your people to a meeting on Friday at some time suitable to all people, and hopefully, it will be something that is amenable to all people, and people will make compromises and sacrifices for this first meeting.

Delegate Talmadge Moore.

MR. T. MOORE: Point of Information, Mr. President.

Is it official now that we are going to commence the Convention as of Monday? Have we voted on that?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: No, we haven't. Let the Chair make the proposal. I am glad you raised that question. We talked about it, and we did not resolve the issue. The Chair proposes to make an announcement that the District of Columbia Constitutional Convention is in session for the purposes of writing a constitution, the organizational period having terminated as of today, on Monday.

MR. KAMENY: I so move.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

MR. ROTHSCHILD: Mr. Chairman, what is the motion, please?

MR. B. MOORE: Would you repeat the motion, please?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion is that the Constitutional Convention begin the period at which the 99

days begins, which means we end on May the 30th. The announcement will be made at a press conference on Monday at eleven o'clock in this room.

All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstain?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right, eleven o'clock in this room here. I have been out of politics and the limelight for a long time. Is that enough time to get --

MS. HARRIS: If you call them today and put it on the Lickertape, yes.

MS. SHELTON: Mr. Chairman, I would suggest if you are trying to call such a press meeting, that you have not allowed enough time for the press to be so notified. All the press is down during the weekend, with only a very skeleton staff and would not be ready to respond to such a great event.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: My recollection is that on Saturday afternoon, you can call a press conference, since people are in the press room all the time, all weekend, for Monday morning, and if it is something significant, they

will show. If it is not something very significant or that is like, they won't show anyway.

MS. SHELTON: They are a little slow on the weekend. You can get something in, but they are very slow starting up. They are not like us, you know, all ready and raring to go, any time an opportunity presents itself.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What is the wisdom of those people who have regular contact with the press, for those of us who are not very knowledgeable?

Delegate Johnson.

MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask perhaps if it would be appropriate for you to call the chairs of the committees so that we can right now announce the times for our initial meetings for the substantive committees, so that we could get that announcement done right now.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I thought we had indicated --

MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Simmons just made a statement about her committee meeting at a time other than the time --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. You want the Chairs to be able to announce now the times. I have no problem with that. Did you finish?

MS. JOHNSON: Yes. I was just going to say that the Suffrage Committee, then, would meet on Tuesday, March the 2nd,

at 6:30. That was the time that we had decided for our meetings, and I will be responsible for notifying those persons who are not here at the present time, and I think there are six members of that Committee present.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: We have had an announcement that the Suffrage Committee, which is one of the Group 2 committees which does meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to the schedule we adopted, will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

MS. JOHNSON: We don't have a meeting room, however, so we will assume that when we get here, someone will notify us.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Since the Secretary is here most of the days, let me have him find a room for you through Judy Wells, for your committee.

MS. JOHNSON: All right.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Thomas, Delegate Nahikian, Delegate Mason.

MR. THOMAS: Mr. Chairman, as Chairman of the Media and Public Information Committee, I would like to agree with Anita Shelton, that I don't think we'll give ourselves enough time to notify the press for an 11:00 o'clock meeting on Monday. I can put it on the wire service on the daily calendar, but as leaving work on Friday, the calendar was put

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together for the week, I don't know how much press it will be able to get here at 11:00 o'clock on Monday. It might be better -- and then, too, we should have had a press release going out to all the media -- all the media -- black media, print media, and the whole thing. And I think the notice for that is kind of short.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. I think Delegate Thomas has made a point. I prepared a press release, but it has still got to be in the mail. You know, we can still have our announcement -- we can have our press conference any time. We can have it on Tuesday, and announce that the Convention started on Monday, as of twelve that night. For those who are more familiar with the lead-time necessary, I would like some advice and counsel.

Delegate Nahikian?

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to reinforce what Mr. Thomas has said. The only way you can guarantee the press will be here at 11:00 o'clock for a press conference on Monday is if you can actually get to the assignment editors. The weekend assignment editors don't necessarily control assignments for Monday morning.

Now, because Mr. Thomas has a lot of experience, and he may know some of the local assignment editors that he could



get to, or leave messages personally. Otherwise, staff closes down on Monday morning, and they may well miss it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Charles Mason, Delegate Coates, Delegate Love.

Delegate Mason?

MR. MASON: The Preamble and Rights Committee, which had originally, last week, scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, will change it to conform to conform to this calendar, so it will be on Monday at 6:30, the room to be ascertained as soon as we can do so, and I will see that those members who are not here are given the information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Preamble and Rights Committee, 6:30 on Monday, okay.

Any other committee announcement?

Delegate Coates?

MR. COATES: I don't have a committee announcement, sir. I have something else, sir.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Can you hold that until we get our committee announcements and meeting times?

MR. COATES: Well, we did announce that we would meet on Tuesday; that is the Committee on Finance and Taxation. However, according to what we have adopted, we should be meeting on Monday at 6:00 o'clock.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Love? We were talking about the press conference, and then we got back on the committees.

Delegate Love?

MR. LOVE: It appears to me if you are going to convene the Convention, you ought to convene it with the delegates here, and not at 11:00 o'clock in the morning. Maybe you ought to think in terms of making it in the evening on Monday, or something, so we can have a quick kind of official convening, where they can take pictures of the delegates. It seems to me that if you have it convening at 11:00 o'clock with nobody here -- I don't know, Mr. Thomas might have some better ideas.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: My experience, as I recall, is that the morning is the best time. You catch the noontime news, you catch the 6:00 o'clock news, and I would think that this is a significant enough occasion for the delegates to be here for a half-hour or so.

MR. LOVE: That's fine.

MR. KAMENY: Where will it be?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Right here.

Brian Moore?

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I would encourage

consideration to hold the press conference for the latter part of the week, and that way, the Convention could get out a press release to the appropriate agencies, and we would guarantee a high percentage of show, which would enhance the educational and informational level to the community, which would enhance the statehood purpose. It is a gamble now to hold it so quietly and only have half the press there. We will suffer in the long run.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate THOMAS?

MR. THOMAS: I would like to make two suggestions, one, I would like to make a motion that we have the press conference on Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock. That will give the meeting a 48-hour notice. The next thing I would like to say is that I would like to take the responsibility of having a photographer here to take the official pictures of the first meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been suggested that Wednesday would be a better time, that we would have more notice. Let me tell you, my frank opinion is that even though you are not getting a lot of notice, whatever we say at this press conference is going to be in the "Washington Post", and most of the media are going to be here.

however, there are a variety of other people,

neighborhood newspapers, neighborhood organizations, and community groups, that need more notice. For that reason, I think maybe it would be well to postpone this until Wednesday.

MS. HARRIS: I second the motion that we have the press conference Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, Delegate Nahikian.

Point of order?

MR. CORN: Point of order. There has been no second to that motion.

MS. FREEMAN: I seconded it.

MR. COOPER: It did get a second. However, if you remember, when the Chair asked for his proposed, and someone else moved, his motion called for a press conference Monday at 11:00 o'clock, and that motion carried. So, if we were going to change that, we would have to have a motion to reconsider. And because nobody voted against it, we cannot reconsider it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, that would really lock us up, wouldn't it? Let us set the rules aside on this issue and see if we can't get a time that is appropriate to have our press conference.

Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, my concern was one of -- my fellow delegate, Mr. Thomas, made a motion that we have the press conference on Wednesday, and he also stated that he would provide us with an official photographer. And I was wondering, was there a conflict, and could the Chair resolve that, realizing the wisdom of Mr. Thomas' motion that Wednesday be the official time.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Part of the motion is that Delegate Thomas will provide a photographer. Maybe you ought to divide that motion.

MR. SIMMONS: Mr. Chairman, I certainly don't want this body trying to do a job for the Public Information and Media. But I think to have a press conference, and to engage in those things that will pizzazz it and bring the press out is one thing. That is called technique. It has nothing to do with the opening of the Convention. The Convention opened when the Mayor dropped that gavel, and we might as well stop. All you are talking about now is trying to get some attention and some media, that, boy, the clock is ticking down, and the organization is consummated, we have chairmen of the committees, we have elected officers, we have a set of rules -- that is all the information we are trying to get out. And to set up and pizzazz that so that you get good coverage and dramatize it, I

think is a noble and worthy goal. But we ought to stop fuzzing it with it being the beginning of the Convention, because that is not the beginning of the Convention, and we ought not to keep talking about that. We have been doing some work. Let's talk about now we've got all of these things. What you're doing is you are making a report to the community of what was accomplished, and we do it in a way that excites interest and imagination, and that is strategy and technique, and that is what the committee will work up.

I don't know why 45 of us are sitting around here talking about once the President is available, the committee chairmen are available, as many delegates as possible are available. This is not a big community meeting. That isn't what it is supposed to be. It is supposed to be a press conference.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion on the floor is that we hold the press conference on Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock.

Are we ready for the question?

MS. NAHIKIAN: Has was trying to be recognized, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Please, be recognized.

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, could I suggest that if we have toward Wednesday, that we direct someone on our staff to

do a couple of things that I think are important. Like, we need to have a District flag in this room to make it look a little more official. Someone needs to get Dwight Cropp's office to have them do some kind of banner that can go across the back that says, "District of Columbia Statehood Constitutional Convention. They will do that for you --

MS. SIMMONS: That is the committee work that I told you we are trying to do.

MS. NAHTKIAN: Just a minute, Barbara. The people of District Government can do that, very quickly.

The third thing I would suggest is to make sure that staff notify the District of Columbia Register, so that these meeting dates and stuff get put into the Register. If we are going to have a press conference, we need to make it look good. That is the most important thing.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Are we ready to vote.

MS. PARAMORE: Point of information.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes.

MS. PARAMORE: Through the Chair, could I ask Delegate Thomas a question?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Go ahead.

MS. PARAMORE: I was wondering if Delegate Thomas would consider a time change to 6:00 o'clock, so that you could

facilitate more delegates present at that time.

MR. BABIKIAN: You won't have any press.

MR. SIMMONS: It is a press conference. It is not a delegates' meeting or a community meeting.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The question has been called. Those in favor of the motion, press conference at 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday, right here, signify by raising your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

Is there any unfinished business before this Convention?

Delegate Mason, Delegate Robinson?

MR. MASON: A few moments ago, I announced that the Preamble and Rights Committee would meet on Monday at 6:30. Since then, all of the members who happen to be present here have requested that it be earlier, that it be at 5:00 o'clock. Therefore, I am changing the announcement to be Monday at 5:00 o'clock for the Preamble and Rights Committee, and I will see that those who are not here are notified.



PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Preamble and Rights Committee meets Monday at 5:00 o'clock instead of 6:00 o'clock.

Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, Samuel Robinson, Ward 5.

Mr. I would like to move that this body give an official name to this area of the ninth floor as the Constitutional Hall of the District of Columbia Constitutional Convention.

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that this body give to the ninth floor of the University of the District of Columbia's Building Number 17 a name, and that that name be the Constitutional Hall -- Constitution Hall.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Abstentions?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion carries.

Delegate Lockridge?

MR. LOCKRIDGE: Are we still taking meeting times for committees? I would like to announce that the Education Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 2nd, at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The Education Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 2nd, at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

MS. LOCKRIDGE: At a place to be announced -- that is, in this building, Constitution Hall.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any other committee announcement?

MS. HAHKJAH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to announce that the Local Government Committee will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, March 2nd, in Constitution Hall.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Local Government will meet at 6:30 Tuesday, in Constitution Hall.

Delegate Croft?

MR. CROFT: Economic Development will meet at 6:30 in, if we can get it, Room 617.

MR. COOPER: Point of order. There is a motion on the floor. Point of order. You did not speak to it.

MS. HARRIS: It was seconded. It has all been voted on.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: I was for sure it was. Nobody wanted to discuss.

MR. COOPER: I wanted to discuss it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: That motion passed.

MR. COOPER: There is already a Constitution Hall in this City.

MS. HARRIS: They seconded it. It didn't pass.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Yes, they did. I called for the vote.

MS. HARRIS: Okay.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Croft has the floor.

MR. CROFT: Economic Development will meet at 6:30 Tuesday, hopefully, in room 617 of Constitutional Hall, if we can get it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any other committee meeting announcements?

Delegate Lockridge again?

MS. LOCKRIDGE: I would like to move for reconsideration of a motion passed, I think it was Delegate Robinson's motion. I would like to move that we reconsider the name of our meetingplace, Constitution Hall, because I have problems with that. I think a better name for us would be Liberation Hall. Why not? Aren't we being liberated, finally?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a motion on the floor to reconsider the motion passed. The motion is on the floor.

MS. HARRIS: May I speak to it?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Harris has the floor.

MS. HARRIS: While I understand Delegate Robinson's suggestion to name this hall, to give it some name that reflects our work and where we are going, I think Constitution Hall would be in conflict with the Constitution Hall that already exists in the City, and the history behind DAR is not very pleasant for us. And it seems to me that if Delegate Robinson -- I know we have a motion to reconsider -- but we might want to bring a name in, or discuss several names on Monday, if it is something we need to do, because there are many, many names we can think of in terms of our freedom and our equality and our liberation and a whole lot of things.

But I would like us to consider to bring some names in next week and deal with it later, and not be rushed in doing so.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Any further discussion on the motion to reconsider?

Delegate Jackson, Delegate Mason, Delegate

Robinson.

MR. JACKSON: First of all, the vote was called

much too quick for anybody to get their wits about them.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: What was the first point? I didn't hear you.

MR. JACKSON: When you called the vote, no one had time to think about what they were voting on. It was too quick -- I am glad you call a quick vote now and then, but that one was too quick.

The second thing, I think Delegate Harris has a very valid point. The daughters of the American Revolution have a history of putting their boots on people's necks.

Now, I am using that only as a thing for reconsideration. I am not speaking to another name, or anything like that. But I just think that that name equates with racism.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Mason?

MR. MASON: I would like to point out what the motion was that we already passed, and it may help people in deciding whether or not to reconsider. It was not Constitution Hall, which is the same as the name of the DAR Hall. It was Constitutional Hall was what Mr. Robinson's motion was. He said Constitutional Hall, not Constitution Hall.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: May I please ask for everyone's attention? I would like to have everyone's attention at this

point. There are a couple of things I would like to point out, and I would like to ask a consensus.

First of all, I would like to ask if the delegates would be amenable to inserting the word, "Statehood Constitutional Hall", as opposed to "Constitutional Hall".

My other statement is that it is important that our meeting place be given an official name that would reflect the level of what we are doing. I realize and appreciate the point made by Delegate Lockridge, that there is a degree of liberation involved. But I think that the higher cause, the higher calling of all of us here, is the writing of the constitution.

So I would ask you, please, if you would agree to the insertion of "Statehood Constitutional Hall".

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Response?

MR. ROTHSCCHILD: Yes, point of order. We haven't voted on reconsideration yet, so we really shouldn't be speaking to what we want to call it. And I am beginning to believe we should call it "State of Confusion and Disorder Hall".

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: There is a motion on the floor to reconsider. It takes a majority.

The question is to reconsider Delegate Robinson's

motion, which passed. All those in favor of reconsidering for the purpose of selecting another name, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(A chorus of nos.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion passes.

Delegate Harris?

MR. HARRIS: Yes. I would like to move that we consider this very important topic at our next plenary session, and have some idea of what we really want, rather than in haste of doing so.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. It has been moved and seconded that we consider an appropriate name over the next week and come prepared to make suggestions and a determination at the next plenary session, one week from today.

Delegate Shelton?

MS. SHELTON: Would it not be appropriate for the Executive Committee to take the sense of this body and the

recommendations and come up with a name, and let us call that. I mean, we don't want to spend two hours. I think you have gotten the sense -- may I make a substitute motion?

MS. HARRIS: I can amend that motion.

MS. SHELTON: Do you want to make an amendment?

I would like to make a substitute motion that would indicate that the Executive Committee consider the recommendations and the previous motions already made, and name this hall in an appropriate name. Do I hear a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved and seconded that the Executive Committee, sensing the feelings of the body, consider appropriate recommendations to be brought back to this body next Saturday.

All in favor of that motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed.

(A chorus of nos.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Division of the house. Those in favor, raise your hands.

MS. HARRIS: Would you repeat the motion?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion is that the Executive Committee be instructed to bring recommendations for a name for



this hall or for this floor to the plenary session next Saturday.

Those in favor?

MS. HARRIS: You all are not listening to the motion. Nobody is voting, because nobody is listening. People are not listening.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is the motion clear now?

Those in favor of the Executive Committee making the recommendation -- Delegate Thomas?

MR. THOMAS: In relation to the motion by my fellow delegate from Ward 5, I think it was his idea for a name for this Convention, and I think he should be a part of whatever comes out of it, or should be the chairman. And I think he has another motion that he would like to put on the floor.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Well, there is a motion on the floor now, and I don't know that that is really relevant to that motion. Is it?

The motion on the floor now is that the Executive Committee -- it sounds like you are giving us a substitute motion.

Delegate Robinson?

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, I would like to continue the substitute motion that was started by my fellow delegate. I ask first a ruling on the part of the Parliamentary

am I out of order.

MR. NARCUS: Point of order. We are in the middle of a vote.

MR. ROBINSON: I just want to make sure.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: You are out of order, sir. Any other discussion on the motion? The motion is that the Executive Committee -- we are in the middle of a vote, and you can speak on the motion. If not, I would like to carry this vote, and then you can make whatever motion you think is appropriate.

All those in favor of assigning the Executive Committee the responsibility to bring a recommendation next week, signify by raising your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Now, I see hands going up all of a sudden. Does everybody know what we are voting on?

Those opposed to the Executive Committee making a recommendation, raise your hands.

(A show of hands.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. The motion loses.

Delegate Robinson.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. President, I move that the place in which we meet --

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Robinson, please forgive me. Delegate Harris had a motion on the floor. The substitute motion failed. Therefore, Delegate Harris' motion is now on the floor.

Delegate Harris' motion -- what was your motion?

MS. HARRIS: My motion was that we consider the naming of this hall at our next meeting, next plenary session.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All right. Her motion was that we take a week to think about this and make a recommendation from the body at our next plenary session. That was the motion that was on the floor and that was seconded. Are you ready to vote on that motion?

Mr. Jordan, point of order?

MR. JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chair. I didn't understand that it was out of order. I knew that we had a motion that we voted down. Now, are substitute motions in order now?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sure, they are.

MR. JORDAN: Well, you recognized delegate Robinson, and he said he had a substitute motion, and then you didn't permit him to introduce it.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: A substitute motion is in order any time.

MR. ROBINSON: Mr. Chairman, I stand to offer a substitute motion that the ninth floor of the PEPCO Building, that the official name would be "Statehood Hall".

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Okay. Discussion?

Delegate Paramore?

MS. PARAMORE: I would like to add one word, a friendly amendment. "Statehood Convention Hall".

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Do you accept that?

MR. ROBINSON: I like that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The motion now is that we name this floor of the PEPCO Building "Statehood Convention Hall".

Discussion?

Delegate Thomas?

MR. THOMAS: I think it would be appropriate for us to vote on this today, since we are havint the press conference on Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock. I think it would be appropriate for this hall to have a name at the press conference.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Are you ready for the question?

Those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those abstaining.

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The name now is "Statehood Convention Hall".

MS. HARRIS: Point of order. Mr. Chairman, it might be in order if the Secretary give the guards and the people in the elevators a little piece of paper to put up there, so they will know what this is called, so when people come and ask, it just happens to get out and they wouldn't have to say, "I don't know where it is."

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Fine. We will do that.

Yes, Delegate Mason?

MS. MASON: Is there some way to get signs, printed signs, so they can put them around, so people will know?

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Sure.

Is there any other unfinished business?

Delegate Nahikian?

MS. NAHIKIAN: Mr. Chairman, if you have problems getting the District's graphics people, let me know, because I may be able to assist with that.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Delegate Marcus?

MR. MARCUS: I just have a question. Is there a requirement that we notify the University that we have, in fact, renamed one of their areas? I am just curious.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any other unfinished business today?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Is there any new business?  
Delegate Blount?

MR. BLOUNT: For the good of the body, could we have some heat in this place?

MR. B. MOORE: Mr. President, I move we adjourn.

PRESIDENT CASSELL: It has been moved that we adjourn. Is that seconded?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: All in favor?

(A chorus of ayes.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: Those opposed?

(No response.)

PRESIDENT CASSELL: The meeting stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., the proceedings were adjourned.)